December 4, 2013

Catherine McAuley High School

631 Stevens Avenue

Portland, Maine, 04103

Dear Hiring Committee,

I am applying for the Social Studies teaching position that was posted on Servingschools.com. In December of 2014 I will have earned a B.S. in Secondary Education Social Studies as well as a minor in special education. At the conclusion of my 16 weeks of student teaching, I also will have completed requirements for Maine State Teacher Certification for the secondary level grades 7-12, including the passage of the Praxis I and II exams. The position at your school is a fit for me because I am committed to academic excellence, and I know that is an important part of your school.

Being someone who is passionate about the importance of education, I chose social studies as my content area so that I could reach students and motivate and inspire them to their fullest potential. Many of my interests, including outdoor activities such as geocaching, can be incorporated into my units which makes me strongly believe that I will be able to incorporate my students’ interests as well. I feel competent in developing lesson plans that are catered to students’ interests and individualized. With the freedom that your school provides for students to explore I think I will be able to include service learning in my units. This will give them the opportunity to give back to and share compassion with the community while also teaching them about global and local visions and the responsibilities that we all share. As a graduate from a competitive women’s political leadership program, women’s issues are close to my heart, and I can share my leadership skills and knowledge with my students through my teaching.

Growing up in a coastal town in Maine has given me the opportunity to appreciate the diversity that is possible in an area. I am interested in a being a part of your community. I look forward to discussing my qualifications and skills with you in an interview. Please find enclosed my resume, three letters of recommendation, and a copy of my transcript. If you have any questions about my application, please feel welcome to contact me at 802-318-8678 or via e-mail at [christina.quach@maine.edu](mailto:christina.quach@maine.edu). Thank you for considering my interest in serving the women, parents, and staff of the Catherine McAuley High School.

Sincerely,

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